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PLANNING & CONVERGENCE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION

The 25th February, 2025

**Subject: Socio-Economic Transformation & Upliftment (SETU):Operational
Guidelines.**

1. Socio-Economic Transformation & Upliftment (SETU): Rationale

In Malkangiri District, in Chitrakonda block 151 villages under 10 Panchayats were cut-off from the rest of the geographical area after construction of reservoirs at Machhkund in 1960s and at Balimela in 1980s. State Government in the year 2018 has dedicated a 910-meter long Gurupriya Bridge thereby connecting hitherto unconnected villages to the mainstream. Also the cut-off area was renamed as '**Swabhiman Anchala**'. Considering the backwardness of the 'Swabhiman Anchala', the State Government has decided to launch a scheme '**Socio-Economic Transformation & Upliftment (SETU)**' for the hitherto cut-off areas of Malkangiri District. In 2023-24, the scheme was extended to entire Chitrakonda Block which consists of 18 GPs and 254 Revenue Villages and Nakamamudi G.P. of Korukonda Block. The outlay varies between Rs.50 cr to Rs. 100 cr depending upon the project proposals received from the line departments.

2. Objectives and Strategies for the Scheme:

2.1 The objectives of the SETU Scheme are as follows:

- i. Creating physical infrastructure in the field of communication (connectivity), electrification, drinking water supply, irrigation, education and health care.
- ii. Emphasis to be given on creation of livelihood opportunities for the people.
- iii. Projects that improve the quality of life of the local people and bringing the 'Swabhiman Anchal' at par with other developed regions.

2.2 In order to achieve the aforesaid objectives, the following broad strategies would guide the Scheme:

- i. Building physical infrastructure (e.g. *Roads, bridges, Culverts, electrification, Street lighting, electrical sub- Stations, etc.*)
- ii. Promoting quality education by way of providing *infrastructure support to educational institutions.*
- iii. Strengthening *health care measures* and providing safe & potable *drinking water supply.*
- iv. Providing irrigation facilities by *creating Check Dam, LI Projects, MI projects etc. for growing agricultural and horticultural crops.*
- v. Creation of livelihood opportunities like *Supply of Fingerling, Vegetable Cultivation, Multipurpose Processing Unit, Lemon Grass Cultivation, Goat Farming, Livestock, Horticulture Activities etc.* for the people of this region.
- vi. Need based projects.

3. Mechanisms for Implementation of the Scheme:

1. Planning & Convergence Department is the Nodal Department for the purpose of Administration of the SETU Scheme.

2. The Scheme will be executed in entire Chitrakonda Block which consists of 18 GPs and 254 Revenue Villages and Nakamamudi G.P. of Korukonda Block. This will be implemented as a Special Area Programme through concerned line Departments in the name of a scheme i.e., 'Socio-Economic Transformation & Upliftment (SETU)'.

3. Total amount of Rs. 50.00 crore for the FY 2024-25 (which may vary depending on the need assessment) is provided under appropriate heads of account in the Budget Estimate under the Demand of P&C Department, which will be placed with the concerned Administrative Departments to the extent as will be decided by P&C Department on approval of the Action Plan by P&C Department. While 80% of the outlay would be allocated for creation of Infrastructure in the Capital Account, the remaining 20% would be allocated in the Revenue Account for creation of livelihood opportunities.

4. The concerned departments shall ensure full utilization of funds allocated during the financial year and timely implementation of the projects/programmes.

5. It shall be ensured that sustainable and durable assets are created under the scheme out of Capital Expenditure. Special attention is to be given to sustainability of each project. The expenditure on operation and maintenance of assets as well as delivery of services should be taken care of by the concerned Administrative Department out of the budget provision of their Department under E&OM head.

4. Preparation of Action Plan:

4.1. An Action Plan need be prepared by the concerned Administrative Department for utilization of funds under SETU Scheme.

- i. The Action Plan relating to the project/programme under SETU Scheme within the earmarked fund should be prepared to finance the projects from SETU which are not funded out of the normal budgetary funds of the Department and to meet the immediate need of the area and the people. Then the Department shall obtain approval of P&C Department on the Action Plan. The Action Plan shall include among other things a set of monitorable targets in terms of financial and physical components.
- ii. The concerned Departments shall follow their established norms and procedures for execution of the projects. While preparing the Action Plan, attempt should be made as far as possible for convergence of resources under the existing schemes other than SETU Scheme.
- iii. The accrual of socio-economic benefits for all projects to be ensured.
- iv. There shall be complete transparency in the choice of projects and their locations. The prioritized list of projects and the reasons for taking up the projects and the criteria for choice of locations must be reflected in the Action Plan.
- v. Efforts should be made to concentrate the development activities in Poorer pockets and for disadvantaged communities within the region.

5. Monitoring and Evaluation:

1. The implementation of the Action Plan shall be periodically monitored by the P&C Department. Therefore, the concerned line Departments shall furnish Monthly progress Report (MPR) on financial and physical achievements of the schemes/projects to P&C Department monthly. The Department may also undertake Evaluation of the scheme by a third party agency.

ORDER - It is ordered that the Resolution be published in the Extraordinary Gazette of the Government of Odisha for the general information and copy be communicated to all Departments of Government/Heads of Department and all Collectors.

By Order of the Governor
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Development Commissioner-
cum-Additional Chief Secretary